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Administration, and Elections Committee

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I am Robert Fishman, Executive Director of Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT) and we are proud to endorse House Bill 5464. The 9 federations of Connecticut fully understand that Iran's desire to develop nuclear weapons is a threat to the entire Middle Eastern region, the State of Israel directly, and to the United States along with all Western democracies. You will hear expert testimony from David Ibsen, Executive Director of United Against Nuclear Iran, an organization founded by the late great Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and serving on its advisory board are bipartisan Foreign policy experts. Ambassador Dennis Ross is one of those experts and he is a personal friend of mine and JFACT as we have had the honor of hosting him in Connecticut on 4 occasions included talks at Univ. of Connecticut, Central Conn. State Univ., and Yale. We also ask you to read the testimony of Dr. Leonard Eisenfeld who could not be here today as he is representing Children's Medical Center at an out of town conference. Dr. Eisenfeld lost his son Matthew 15 years ago to a Hamas suicide bomb in Jerusalem where he was studying to be a Rabbi. The U.S. State Department attributed the Hamas bomber as someone both trained and funded by Iran.

JFACT is pleased Connecticut is raising this bill and hopes it will pass as similar legislation has in Florida, New York, Indiana, and California. Similar legislation is proposed and in process in Wisconsin, Maryland, and New Jersey.

We would like to make sure the bill will include specific wording adding Insurance companies so they too will comply to the contract requirements.

Once again, thank you for raising this bill and I would be willing to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Fishman

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